

Indiana Department of Correction Announces New Partnership To Save Over \$19 Million

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Indianapolis, IN (August 3, 2005) – The Indiana Department of Correction announced today that it will save nearly \$5 million a year as a result of an expanded 4-year medical services contract with new providers, effective September 1st. This decision was made after the Department of Correction and Department of Administration reviewed the Request For Proposal (RFP) for medical services by three companies.

Correctional Medical Services (CMS) was selected because the company demonstrated it could provide necessary medical care to all inmates, while still generating operational and economic efficiencies across the board for the Department, and ultimately the taxpayers of Indiana.

Commissioner J. David Donahue said, “CMS has a long history of quality healthcare services for inmates in various correctional systems. Specifically, the firm’s expertise, physician database, electronic medical record solutions and innovative technologies will help Indiana most effectively meet inmate healthcare needs.”

In addition to providing offender health care, CMS brings to Indiana an advanced offender medical record keeping system which will help ensure adequate health care for all offenders. This system will also help ensure that accurate information is timely conveyed to medical providers and other service programs in the community, to better assist offenders with successful transition back to the community.

“CMS has demonstrated that our new partnership will provide benefits which translates to effective use of tax payer dollars and creates operational synergies for the Department,” added Donahue. “I am excited about this new vendor’s service-driven attitude, and their commitment to utilizing new technologies to improve correctional health care.”

"For more than 25 years, we have been helping statewide correctional systems meet inmate healthcare needs and efficiently manage taxpayer resources," said John Dallas, Regional Vice President,

Correctional Medical Services (CMS), Inc. "We also have been a part of correctional health care in Indiana for years, so we look forward to expanding our work to provide the greatest value to the state.

Dental services will be provided by Mid-America Health. "Mid America has been a partner with our Department for years in the delivery of dental services and we are equally excited about our continued partnership," said Commissioner Donahue.

"The State of Indiana gains significant advantages by contracting dental services rather than operating their own clinics," said William R. Mathews, President. "We provide high quality and affordable dental care for our customers."

The Department of Correction remains committed to finding more efficient ways to provide improved correctional services. In this case, the Department has expanded its level of partnership, by including nursing services in this contractual relationship. The Department will work closely with CMS and Mid-America to see that current nursing staff receive full consideration for employment with these new service providers, or that they are otherwise afforded opportunities to apply for new positions with the Department or with sister agencies.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 22,350 adult offenders and more than 973 juveniles, in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>.

About Mid-America Health

Mid-America Health, an Indiana-based company, has provided quality Dental and HealthCare services to State and Federal Government Institutions for over 15 years. The company provides a full line of dentistry options for its clients. The company's site can be found at <http://www.mahweb.com>.

About CMS

CMS contracts with physicians and employs healthcare professionals who provide care to approximately 284,000 inmates in more than 360 correctional facilities in 25 states. The company's web site can be found at <http://www.cmsstl.com>.